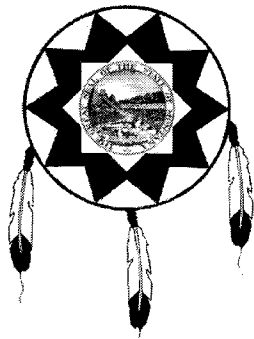


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Dear State Administration Committee:

The Montana American Indian Caucus of the 61<sup>st</sup> Montana Legislature strongly opposes Senate Bill 394 sponsored by Senator Keith Bales of SD 20.

SB 394 expands types of elections that may be conducted by mail ballot election. The Indian legislators oppose this bill primarily for this reason. Many families in Indian communities are mobile and may live in different homes or communities between elections, which may cause difficulties of locating their ballots. This complication will lead to decreased American Indian voter turnout.

The Montana American Indian Caucus urges the State Administration Committee to not support SB 394.

Sincerely,

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